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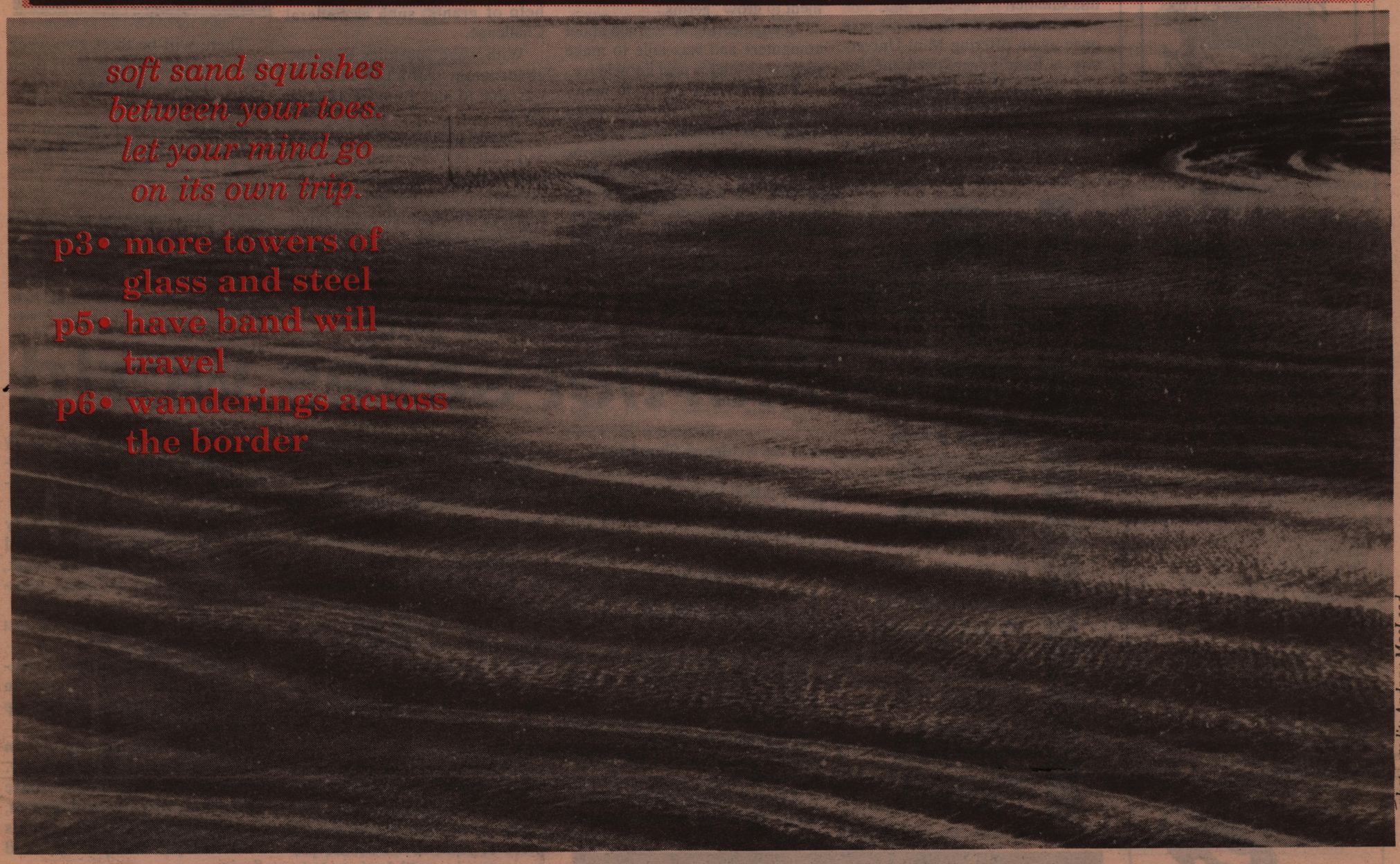

*soft sand squishes between your toes. let your mind go on its own trip.*

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# Employment program gets pink slip

**by James MacKinnon**

Students with summer employment can pop another peeled grape of plenty in their mouths and look forward to less course competition come fall.

The unemployed might start stomping the grapes of wrath.

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology announced a $4 million cut to the B.C. Summer Employment program May 5.

$1.6 million will be available to subsidize approximately 460 jobs in community-operated tourism information centres. Previous funding to private and post-secondary education sector employers has been eliminated.

The program has been cut $8.4 million since 1989.

"The funding just isn't around and priorities had to be assessed," said Alan Strickland, spokesperson for the ministry's public affairs branch.

Strickland said tourism sector jobs were funded because those positions would not exist without the program.

Chair of the B.C. Component of the Canadian Federation of Students, Jacquie Best, calls the decision "extremely shortsighted.

"It will make student lives more difficult and will result in some students not being able to return to classes in the fall," said Best.

Jean Karlinski, researcher for CFS-B.C. added, "We've seen cutbacks with the Socreds, but the NDP has gutted the program."

Approximately 3,500 positions were funded last year. The CFS expects 3,000 jobs will be lost this summer, a figure disputed by the ministry.

A dramatic reduction in private sector jobs is not anticipated. "The feeling is that most of these jobs will exist anyway," said Strickland.

**"The NDP gutted the program."**

Vanessa Greebe, supervisor of the Canada employment centre for students, said the program slash has had an immediate effect.

Last year, 130 subsidized on-campus jobs were available. None of these positions opened this year.

Greebe said impact on private sector jobs will not be apparent until June, but last year's figures indicate about 430 jobs could be affected.

"I'm not sure whether these jobs will still exist, but with a lower wage," she added.

Karlinski said money from the program, administered by the ministry's skills development and labour market policy branch, have been diverted to apprenticeship programs and remuneration for laid off and injured workers.

The branch as a whole was cut back $2.27 million.

While Strickland agreed with the CFS statement, Randy Garrison, Perry's ministerial assistant, said it is incorrect to say money was diverted.

The impact of the announcement was compounded by its late arrival, leaving job-thirsty students dry-mouthed.

"If the government had gotten their act together sooner, certainly there would have been time for students to take the initiative," said Karlinski.

Students often approached businesses to explain the availability of job funding.

The government's financial audit was wrapped up in January, she said, and time-constrained programs should have been evaluated as a first priority.

Strickland said the delay was related to the March 31 close of the fiscal year. "Decisions are made very close to that wire," he said, adding "seesawing over these numbers" didn't start until late in the spring.

Perry said the impact of the program's shrinkage will be analysed by the committee studying barriers to post-secondary education. The group started meeting in May and will submit a report by summer's end.

Strickland admitted the committee is unlikely to announce funding cuts will benefit the hungry jobseeker.

"Students already know what the impact of unemployment is on access to education," a CFS-B.C. release states.

Overall employment availability may have been aided by a $3 million increase in the federal challenge grant program, subsidizing 441 jobs in the Victoria area. Totals are nonetheless "a bit behind" for May, said Greebe.

The campus student employment centre is open to students 15 and older Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until August. Phone 721-8421 for information and self-fulfilment. ❑

# Apartment dwellers invite worms

**by Tracee Johnson**

People who want to compost, but live in an apartment or don't have a yard, will have to wait for a government subsidised program.

The Capital Regional District launched the CRD Home Composter Program in April with funding from B.C.'s Ministry of Environment and Lands and Parks.

The program will contribute to the CRD's goal of a 50 per cent solid waste reduction by 1995.

While this program allows residents with access to outside space to do their own composting, tenants without access are out of luck.

The subsidised home composters that are currently being sold (SoilSaver and Green Genie) are designed to be used outdoors.

"We're excluding a sector of the population," said Lorenzo Mele, the CRD's residential recycling coordinator, "[but] it is being addressed."

"There's already a demand for worm composting," said Mele. Every time there is a newspaper article or a television show on the subject the CRD receives scores of telephone calls from citizens wanting information, he said.

Many people are sceptical about composting indoors because of the potential for odours and worm escapees.

"Most people's concerns are pretty valid," said Mele, "that is why we need to educate people on the subject."

In July at the Environmental Committee meeting of the CRD, a proposal will be made to subsidize worm composting and perhaps to begin a system of wet waste collection. No time frame has been scheduled for the introduction of this program.❑

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*Theresa Newhouse*

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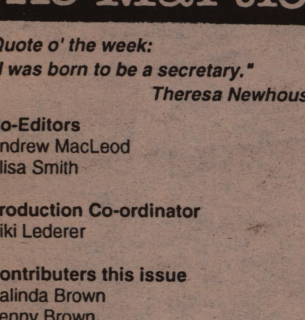

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# UVic teaches fun

**by Calinda Brown**

You will be seeing a lot of shorter, younger students at UVic this summer.

Athletics and Recreation is once again offering Mini-University, a hands-on experience for any student 10-14 years old, with projects and experiments in various facilities around campus.

Stephen Chung, an 11-year old from St. Andrew's School attended last year, and enjoyed it so much he is back again.

Stephen enjoyed biology, where he took part in an experiment to grow "germs."

In engineering he learned about computers and was able to make pictures using his new knowledge.

Stephen said he made many friends and Mini-University "should be for everyone."

Patty Schmidt, public relations officer for Athletics and Rec agreed."We don't target specific children, all levels of learning ability are welcome."

Mini-University is not only an educational experience, but a recreational one. Having fun is emphasized.

Fees for each session are $205. There are no scholarships available to help students and their families with the cost, but the program is run completely with the help of grants, such as Federal Challenge.

With wage subsidies from the government, Athletics and Rec was able to hire 10 students from UVic.

This is Mini-University's second year at UVic, and there are now 60 more spaces. Biology and recreational activities have been replaced by chemistry and environmental studies.

Other subjects from last year include theatre set design, engineering, human anatomy, and physiology.

There will be three two-week sessions held this summer. Each day will end with a swim in the McKinnon Pool.

Also this summer, there will be a new Vikes Summer Day Camp for 6-12 year olds, and a Vikes Development Camp, led by head coaches including the new men's volleyball coach, Paul Smith.

For more information about any of these programs contact Athletics and Recreation at 721-8406.❑

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# *Martlet* saves world

**by Schleppy Shoelicker**

A prized University of Victoria garden is soon to have its usefulness expanded.

The Japanese Garden close to the Henderson St. entrance has been a favourite relaxation spot for students and faculty alike for many years.

It is a home for ducks who are often seen scavenging among pond detritus there.

According to plans submitted anonomously to The Martlet May 23, the gardens will soon become a parking lot.

"Well a lot of people drive in here," said Sam Scorpion, administration shit slinger.

Scorpion said he did not think driving is environmentally irresponsible.

"When they get here they like to have somewhere to park their vehicles.

"Besides, Uvic has more than its fair share of garden space per unit metre of urban space - why just think of the Amazonian appearance our campus has compared to, say, a mall parking lot."

Scorpion also proposed a separate area of the parking lot be reserved for cars costing in excess of $30,000.

"We all know that people who have achieved this level of prosperity will drive much more cautiously than someone in a $300 piece of junk, so we should protect expensive vehicles in a designated 'safe zone'," he said.

He concluded this measure was for the poor and students' safety also because "it will help to prevent a nasty lawsuit against you rowdies by someone who can obviously afford a better lawyer."

Environmental Studies student Mega Lively said, "This [parking lot] is a totally irresponsible action by the University planners."

She backed up her position by reading a paper she recently wrote on "the depletion of the ozone layer as connected to the hasty removal of Japanese gardens, particularly when replaced by parking lots".

"This is the nineties," Lively said, "they [administration] should be encouraging people to walk, ride bicycles and use public transport.

"Another parking lot is the last thing we need."

Sunny Saviour, students' society guru, said, "Administration obviously have their heads up their asses on this one."

The UVSS is planning a be-in at the garden, to start immediately.

"We do not discriminate against any group's participation, for we believe that all peoples have an equal ability to be," said Saviour.

"The be-in will last until they change their minds, or the steamrollers come to level the garden."

The protest finale is Sept. 3, the first Martlet staff meeting of the new academic year.

Come out to SUB room 108, Thursday at 3:30, and help fight the power by writing, drawing graphics, proofing, taking photos, or laying out the paper.❑

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# New lab plan stirs up jealousy on campus

by James MacKinnon

Tom Perry's response to UVic's $27 million dollar building? We have the technology.

Earlier this month, the financially strapped advanced education, training, and technology minister announced a $1.24 million grant for the planning phase of UVic's proposed engineering/laboratory building.

**The project demostrates twisted priorities.**

Vice President Administration Trevor Matthews said the province is expected to follow through with the remainder of the funding as UVic's largest-ever project progresses.

Additional money has not been approved officially, ministry spokesperson Alan Strickland said, but added he would be "really surprised" if the ministry paid for planning a building they did not intend to support through to completion.

The 11,350 square metre structure will be adjacent to the Engineering Office Wing, completed in 1990, with laboratory facilities for electrical, mechanical, and computer engineering, as well as computer science.

Centres of Excellence in robotics, telecommunications, and micro-electronics will also be granted space.

Centres of Excellence are determined through application to the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council. Research funding for the Centres will be provided in part by the NCERC.

Space presently used by the engineering department will be provided to other science departments, Matthews said.

Matthews admitted 'building envy' is likely to strike many students and faculty.

"I guess everytime a building goes up someone says they'd like to be in the new building," he said.

With the Commonwealth games approaching, the project demonstrates twisted priorities, said UVic Students' Society Chair Dayna Christ.

The new SUB, which will be "right in the middle of the [Commonwealth Games] athletes' village" is still in the preliminary stage said Christ, while the engineering mega-project forges ahead.

**'Building envy' is likely to strike many students and faculty.**

Heated debate surrounded the emergence of the engineering program in 1984 and the completion of the $4.8 million engineering office wing six years later.

The new building will bring the total to almost $32 million.

By comparison, combined project budgets for the new fine arts building and planned visual arts buildings will total $10.4 million.❑

photo credit: Andrew Macleod

**El grande: first the office wing in 1990, soon the lab, brings engineering's total to a whopping $32 million.**

photo credit: Andrew MacLeod

**El cheapo: fine arts building**

# Blue bins not enough in recycle drive

by Theresa Newhouse

In a throw-away society, it's small comfort to know some of the multi-coloured packagings can be recycled.

June 3, the Student Society will once again serve as a depot to get rid of the junk you stacked in your closet in hopes somebody, somewhere could recycle it.

The SUB Green Plan Task Force began running their recycling program two years ago. At that time, due to a provincial government grant, there were already blue recycling bins installed on campus to handle office paper, glass, and tin.

These collected only very limited types of items, and weren't emptied regularly.

"Nothing was being picked up so we began to do patchwork recycling," said Kelly Greenwell, UVSS Director of Services and member of the task force.

"Our intention is only to do things not done by administration."

The Task Force accepts glossy paper, coloured cardboard, cardboard egg cartons, and pourable plastic containers with recylcing numbers 1 or 2.

Recyclable plastics are marked with a recycling logo and number to identify the type of plastic used. Some plastics are much harder to get rid of.

"At first, some depots were taking almost all plastics, but there was not enough demand for some kinds," said Greenwell. "Langford yard took 1 through 7, except 3, and they ended up just dumping them [the plastic]. People felt they were recycling when they dropped stuff off but they weren't."

**"Our intention is only to do things not done by administration."**

Greenwell critisized the University and CRD's priorities in recycling programs. "Recycling is only done if it's cost effective; that attitude doesn't seem progressive."

"There's just not enough priority at depots for jobs like sorting. If the load is clearly mixed up, because of limited resources it just ends up dumped."

Depots may also have difficulty selling back certain products. "No one will buy brown or green glass, because it's not fashionable," said Greenwell.

"No one will move to set up recycling at a cost. There needs to be a lot more emphasis put on it."

"We are trying to promote awareness around campus. We'd also like to promote alternative ways of avoiding packaging."

Dayna Christ, UVSS chair, said there are plans to set up a food co-op in the SUB expansion.

"The co-op would enable us to buy bulk orders and sell to students at reduced prices, and with a minimum of packaging," said Christ.

"Recycling isn't the only answer, we need to be able to buy products in reuseable containers. It's not popular [with companies] because bulk foods and food co-ops don't support the whole system of having as many wonderfully coloured packages on the shelf as possible," said Christ.

SUB expansion, however, is only in the early planning stages.

Until then, bring recyclables to the University Centre June 3, or to the UVSS student resource centre in the Student Union Building.❑

# Stacks a wreck, hurt work of students and profs

by Matthew Carrington and Joanne Whitlock

The research efforts of students and faculty are being seriously hampered by the state of McPherson Library.

Marnie Swainson, head of Library Services said that problems come down to budgets and facilities, which have not kept up with the combined effects of rising prices and a growing student population.

"Staffing hasn't kept up with enrollment," said Swainson, and the library cannot meet the demands of students who are now "more aware of services [than in previous years]."

One result is delays in reshelving returned books.

The disorganized stacks make it hard to locate books and research materials.

"We are being asked to do more with less," Swainson said.

Dr. Phyllis Senese of the History Department said the situation is "a disgrace," and the department has been complaining officially for years.

Long term solutions must include more money to be used to increase space, staff and buying power available to the library. Fifteen years ago the library was highly rated, but the University administration has let it slide, she said.

It has come to the point where students are having difficulty completing research papers because the books they need are not available.

"Students don't respect the needs of others," said Julie Hewlett, director of academics for the students' society. This makes the problems even worse.❑


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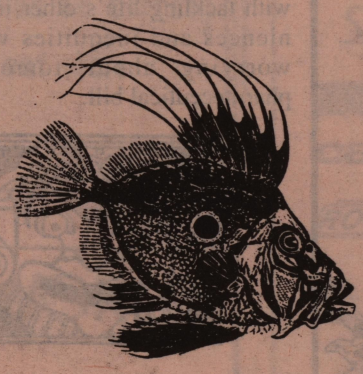

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# Letters

# EDITORIAL

## What's in bloom

As a moist island spring drifts into summer let us gaze around campus to see what is in bloom; gardeners are always at work.

Things seem to be looking a little dry around the student employment centre. Long term drought has been compounded by the loss of 130 jobs due to this year's removal of B.C. summer employment program fertilizer.

Those nutrients will now nurture tourism. A few carnations and long-stem dinner roses will be pampered at the expense of the naturally occurring daisies.

Encouraging growth in tourism will ultimately mean skunk cabbage jobs for students (the Empress is the big building over there, the Legislature is the other big building over there, sir).

But there is a vast array of other exciting and overwhelming career options. You could always flip burgers at McDick's or slave for Kabuki Kabs - definitely a weed 'n' feed scene.

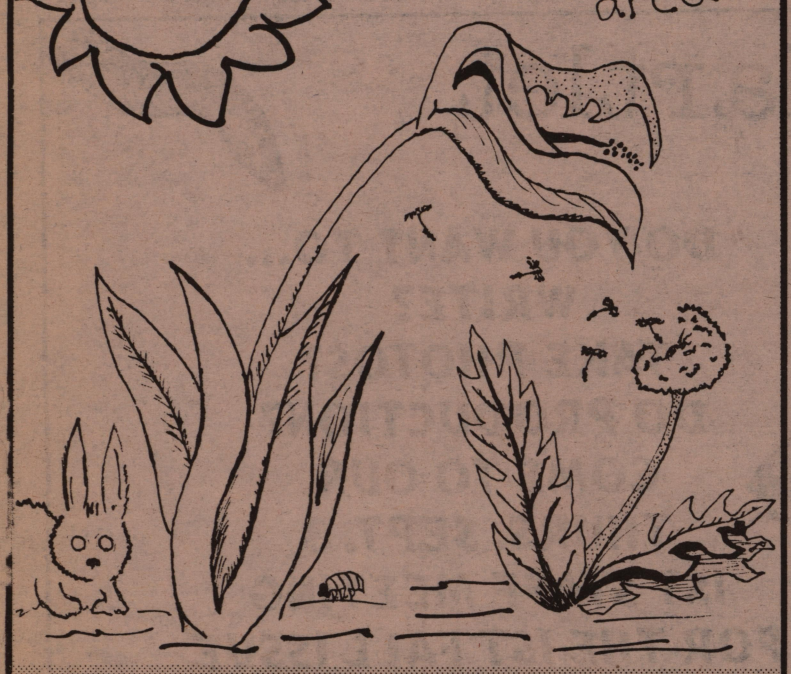
A rare Californian blossom introduced to the Education department in the early 70s was discovered this spring to be a more common variety. Horticulturists are reluctant, however, to make any formal statements or take transplanting measures.

Erosion has become extreme in the Student Union Building. Removal of the Grafix shop in the early spring left several student groups with nothing to root in. Other tightly crowded foliage will struggle to grow, but may become cramped and contorted as summer progresses.

However, managerial topsoil in the SUB is smelling much richer this year.

Little sunlight filters through to supporting layers, even close to the surface. With a garden so poorly structured it is miraculous anything grows here at all.

Many are content to leave spider mite and aphid treatments until fall, choosing instead to roll in the peonies. Pollinate with care, friends: the snapdragon looms.

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### Healthy applause

Editors:

Applause and thanks to those who voted in favour of retaining our extended health care plan. Also, I feel compelled to fire a warning shot to those who almost succeeded in cancelling a valuable program.

Retention of our health care plan is a signal some are aware of the need to prepare for the future before it nips us in the butt. I'd rather not pay out money for something I may not need, but to do the opposite is a fool's move. People with the notion they'd rather deal with a problem when it arrives do not acknowledge our money works to provide a community service, which lessens the blow when crises hit. Short term outlooks can lead to long term disaster.

Don't get me wrong, I don't go around waiting for the world to fall out from under me. My life's priorities are today, then tomorrow, and that I grasp firmly. If part of seizing the day means paying money now to avoid outrageous costs later, so be it. I can get on with tackling life's other inconveniences and inequities without worrying about tomorrow's pharmeceutical bill.

With one year of university left, and a wife and two children to consider, I feel fortunate the plan was renewed another year. The benefits of the program for me have outweighed the costs. For those who are immune to sickness, my apologies for once again helping to obligate you to take part in an unnecessary program. It occurs to me it must also be useless for you to be part of a universal medicare plan in Canada.

For those who support the plan, and have more than one year left at UVic, you will again face battling the voices of disapproval Next time the result may be costly. The best you can do is work to enlighten those who are unable to see past the tips of their toes.

Lou Oliver

### Good news from LA

Editors:

Some time ago I received a package cointaining several back issues of your publication, included was your Vol. 31, No. 18, Feb. 13, 1992 issue - the 'Valentines Day' special. That was quite a cover! (Congratualtions to Mr. Lefler.)

Your editors and contributors are to be soundly praised for your strength in conviction that lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues are worthy of press coverage in any newspaper, be they published by students or powerful newspaper tycoons. I admired your democracy in publishing various points of views and subjects. Your own Ms. Gregory is to be particularly commended for her open and frank responses in the interview written by Mr. Young.

I can assure you that if such a 'Valentines Day' special had been published at UVic when I attended in 1966/67 I would have at least known I wasn't the only queer on campus. Serious news coverage and thoughtful editorials have never hurt anything other than that which attempts to hide something. Indeed, take pride in the fact that because you published this particular issue there occurred, no doubt, debate over the issues covered, private conversations, revelations and hopefully an awareness in at least one lonely, closeted student. If nothing else, you have restored my faith in the capability of the general youth of today. Keep up the good work.

Jack Herman
Los Angeles, CA

### Naked lunch

Editors:

Someone wrote to a letter to *the Martlet* asking about the location of any local "Wreck Beaches".

There are probably several - but one I do know of is North of Island View Beach. To get there turn right off the Pat Bay Highway at the Island View Road traffic light. Proceed along Island View Road to the parking lot on the left at the very end of the road. Walk North past the "Park Boundary South" and the "Park Boundary North" metal posts (right on the beach in both cases - both these posts are about 10 feet high so you "can't miss them"). Once you are past the "Park Boundary North" post, locate (or build from driftwood) an enclosure and enjoy the sun, the view and those who stop by to talk. No hassle as it is not within the Island View Park Boundary where, you will note, nude sunbathing IS illegal.

E. Pluribus Nudem

*Editors' note: Pseudonyms will be accepted in rare and exceptional cases, particularly in cases of high public interest. Like this.*

arts

# Music company helps bands move out

by Alisa Smith

Victoria's newest and biggest ever music company, Catch Me If You Can, might not do much for the punk scene unless you're in a band.

If you are, set your sights beyond the horizon to the U.S. or Europe. Plans are big, but due to a stubborn lack of venues, support, and management, Victoria may be left behind by the ambitious company.

"[Catch Me] will not really be a big force here. We want to have as little to do with Victoria as possible," said Bill Crapelle, sound engineer and "paper-work guy" for the company.

"The scene has self-destructed itself over the last 10 years through the isolation of the bands and [musical] inbreeding. We're trying to break that habit."

photo credit: Alisa Gordaneer

Pigment Vehicle: a Catch Me Band.

Crapelle said he believed there are many remarkable musicians and bands in Victoria, but outside of Nomeansno and the Dayglo Abortions, none have gone anywhere.

"A great band gets together, they play a few gigs, and in three years they break up," said Crapelle.

For a band to do well they need a lot of determination, good promoting, and shows outside of Canada, he said.

"Success in Canada doesn't mean a thing."

Canadian markets are naturally smaller because of the sparse population. Drives across the Prairies, for example, can be long and tedious with few suitable stops for gigs.

Elspeth Haughton, music director of CFUV, said she thinks there is a punk band market in Victoria.

"If they [Catch Me] would do shows here, we could get some venues. But if they're taking it outside Victoria, it doesn't mean much," she said.

Kent Webb, guitarist for one band with Catch Me, the Clusterfux, said the company has put on only one show in Victoria, when the Dayglos and other bands played Sanscha Hall.

However, even Sanscha hall, the last bastion of thrash, is no longer keen to book rowdy bands who draw rowdy crowds.

Webb said he hopes Catch Me will help bands to break out of Victoria.

Crapelle said he just wants to give local talented bands a chance, through proper marketing, to gain recognition and be self-supporting through their music.

Certainly a reasonable dream.

John London, drummer for Color Out of Space, was there from the beginning of the company when Crapelle, Murray Acton of the Dayglos, and others got it going.

**"Unless we start poofing our hair, well, we're not gonna be making that much money"**

"We just wanted to play different music. And everyone [in the scene] was playing so well, we figured why not do it?" said London.

They toyed with the idea of a collective structure, with all band members having an equal vote in decisions, but scrapped it as inefficient due to the large membership.

"It's kinda like a family trip, a bunch of good friends getting together and making their own decisions. We were tired of waiting for people to come to us," London said.

It can be easy for labels to rip off a band for all they've got, as London knows this from bitter experience in his old band, Mission of Christ.

"As soon as you put your name on the dotted line, you [can] lose everything. Some guys have no idea. But Bill [Crapelle], he understands contracts," said London.

**"If they would do shows here, we could get some venues. But if they're taking it outside Victoria, it doesn't mean much."**

Catch Me will be a good support structure for local bands; those who do well will make money for the company, which will then purchase new equipment and help with tours.

But socialism only goes so far when you've been in a band for as many years as London and you have to support yourself, maybe a family too.

"We wanna make millions."

London said he sees Victoria bands maintaining their own unique sounds, unlike what happened to Seattle bands under the Sub Pop phenomenon.

"All those bands sound the same, country music played real slow with a lot of distortion. That's not our trip, we'll do our own thing. I'm really into playing, more than anything," said London.

But there are realities.

"Unless we start poofing our hair, well, we're not gonna be making that much money."

Playing more mainstream instead of punk, like Sound garden, is another cash route London said he is not interested in.

"Nobody [in Color] has rock stardom in their future."

People in Victoria may not be so sure.

"We've been getting a lot flack," said Crapelle.

"There's this rumour of us [Catch Me] being megalomaniacs, money mongers. Now it's punkly correct to say who's making how much, who's sold out. I don't know if it's envy, or a case of 'why didn't we think of this'."

**Socialism only goes so far when you've been in a band for as many years as London, and you have to support yourself, maybe a family too.**

Catch Me is only in its beginning stages, and most bands' only link to the company is verbal at present.

For the Clusterfux, all Crapelle does right now is make sure they get paid. This is a valuable service for bands who often consider themselves lucky to break even or earn a sixpack and 50 dollars each.

Other Victoria bands with Catch Me are Pigment Vehicle and the new Shutdown; from Vancouver, Carnage, and Paste.

Crapelle said Catch Me will release only CDs, due to their greater likelihood to be listened to by reviewers and company purchasers. They are also cheap to produce.

A Victoria compilation is scheduled for release in July, as well as a punk version of K-Tel's greatest hits (with Canadian and American bands) following in August. Deals with Pravda Records in Chicago and Restless Records in L.A. are in the works.

Success across the border is a necessary and simple fact of life. Said Crapelle: "It allows you to stay in business and write more music. When a band like Pigment Vehicle can tour, they're the happiest guys in Victoria." ❑

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Sports & Leisure

# Mystical mayhem: the cross-border mix

by Andrew MacLeod

Summer is here, and students and faculty are making time to hoist the backpack and head for the wilderness.

Skip the West Coast Trail; it now requires reservations far ahead of time, and is already booked for this summer.

The Carmanah and Walbran valleys are still sites of dispute, and at Longbeach you can't get very far from the highway.

A cheap and easy solution is a little cross-border tourism.

I recently visited the west side of the Olympic Peninsula, walking from Rialto beach near La Push, to Cape Alava and Lake Ozette.

The area is protected as part of the Olympic National Forest.

Visitors are welcomed with the hokey trail head message: "Find some solitude, a whale's jawbone, or see a bird you've never seen before."

There are also warnings posted. "Be careful, logs in the surf can kill." Indeed woody flotsam lurked maliciously in the shadowy shallows.

Along with a good topographical map, available for $2 at the Rialto Beach ranger station, carry a tide table. Areas where walking could be dangerous at high tide are marked, so plan hiking times a little more carefully than usual.

**You can visit without doing anything to boost the local economy.**

The coast consists of long stretches of lonely beach interrupted by time-consuming sections of treacherous, kelp-coated stone. Rocks with layers of oil from spills past were stickier, and made walking easier.

The hike can be done comfortably in three days, including time to poke around in tidal pools, watch the wildlife, beachcomb or just stare out to sea.

In May the beaches are deserted. The only signs of humans are petroglyphs on boulders at the base of the Wedding Rocks cliff.

The petroglyphs were carved by ancestors of Native people at the Cape Alava reserve. Much of the peninsula is reserve, a presence which is strongest in signs for fireworks sales on every other telephone pole. The sale of fireworks is illegal everywhere else in the state, giving the Native people a monopoly.

On most early-season days deer are more common than people.

The deer are very tame, and raised their heads from grazing with nothing beyond disinterest as we walked quietly by. This acceptance of people suggests the beach is more heavily travelled at other times of year.

Islands offshore were dotted with seals and sealions, and sea otters are occassionally seen bobbing in the surf.

Oystercatchers, ducks, gulls and eagles abound, and it is possible to see murres, puffins and auklets as well.

**Rocks with layers of oil from spills past were stickier, and made walking easier.**

At Cape Alava a seal was washed up on the beach. It looked dead until it opened its eyes, causing the flies to leave its back before regrouping.

We thought a healthy seal would not have let itself get washed up on shore. A man cleaning the toilets at the ranger station agreed.

"We'll just let nature take its course," he said. "Soon after it dies crows and eagles will tear it apart, and the insects will do the rest.

"It'll smell bad for a while, but at least it isn't a whale.

"We had a grey whale wash up here in '88. It was months before it was gone," he said.

The animals, the solitude and the ocean's primal presence make the Washington coast a mystical place, reminiscent of passages from Tolkien where spirits dwell within rocks, trees and water.

If the coast is magical, you don't have to go far to find harsh reality.

The clearcuts begin not 100 metres from the Ozette Lake parking lot (full of deer) in the national forest.

At the edge of the clearcut the trees are marked with white plastic, a razor straight row of trees fortunate to be on the protected side of a dotted line on a survey map.

The next day on the highway from Callam Bay to Saphro we passed the Hoka clearcut.

"Largest clearcut in the world," said a local. "Now there's something to be proud of.

"Fucking capitalists. Think they can do whatever they goddamn please. It's bullshit."

A billboard between the highway and the clearcut read, "Managed forest: Harvested in 1985, planted in 1986. Next harvest in 2026."

Good to know Washington State is planning for the future.

They have left themselves few options. The only industries are logging, correctional facilities and tourism.

**"Find some solitude, a whale's jawbone, or see a bird you've never seen before."**

Tourism is incompatible with logging since they often hold claim to the same areas, and the multitude of prisons make people reluctant to pick-up hitch hikers. Signs along the highway even warn drivers not too.

However, there is a dirt cheap bus system serving the peninsula. The most you pay is 75 cents U.S. one way.

Buses are infrequent, but worth waiting for as it is hard to get picked up otherwise.

Besides bus fare the only expense is groceries bought in Port Angeles to supplement those brought from home. Food prices over the border are similar to Victoria, and the only savings is in weight carried on the ferry.

It may seem unpatriotic to choose the red, white and blue over the maple leaf, but you can visit without doing anything to boost the local economy.

Not including the $7.50 ferry ride on the Coho which sails from downtown, and can be paid for in Canadian, my friend and I averaged $2.50 per day each on our five day trip.

It was also satisfying to see that the mighty U.S.A. is as environmentally fucked up as we are.❑


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## MAY 26
### RALLY

UVIC DAY CARE IS THE TOPIC at a concert with children's entertainer Pat Karfra at 11 am. Stick around for the speakers and rally to follow. Call Warren at 721-7494 or Dayna at 721-8370 for info.

## MAY 30
### COMMUNITY

BIKE RALLY hosted by the CFB Esquimalt Military Family group. Families, put on your helmets and decorate your bikes for this 2 or 4 km ride, 1 - 2 pm at Work Point playing field. Picnic and entertainment 2 - 4 pm Pre-register 363-4357 or 386-6128.

## MAY 31
### DISCUSSION

INSTEAD OF FEAR-lecture at the Centre for Self Awareness, starting 11 am in the MacLaurin Bldg. Info, call 721-0405 or 721-3341, anytime.

## JUNE 1
### DISCUSSION

A TOUR OF ACCESSIBLE AND NON-ACCESSIBLE HOMES with disabled people will highlight a discussion on housing problems. Call Diane for info, 382-3148.

## JUNE 2
### COMMUNITY

DOWNTOWN TOUR USING WHEELCHAIRS AND SCOOTERS. Mayor Turner, Robin Blencoe, and other dignitaries will join disabled people on a tour highlighting downtown access concerns. Contact Elizabeth at 385-7121 or 381-4239 for info.

ADULT ADOPTEES, birth relatives, and adoptive parents seeking reunions: Triad Society for Truth in Adoption will meet at 7 pm at the Native Friendship Centre, 533 Yates. Everyone welcome. No meetings in July or August. Information, 598-9887.

## JUNE 3
### DISCUSSION

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Partnership forum 8:30-4:30 at the Laurel Point Inn. $75 Admission. Call Paul at 382-9635 for info.

## JUNE 4
### FUN

EXPERIENCE THE ULTIMATE HIGH; sky diving for people with disabilities starts 10 am at the Victoria International Airport for those over 16 years. Sponsored by Integrated Recreation and Victoria Recreation Society. Call Ann Marie at 477-6314 for info.

## JUNE 5
### ECO-FEST

CHARITY AUCTION AND PARTY FOR THE RAINFOREST. Over 70 items will be auctioned off as a World Environment Day warm up to a panel discussion of the Pacific Yew, followed by a dance. Sponsored by the Carmanah Forestry Society. Kicks off 7:30 pm at the Ramada Inn, 3020 Blanshard St. Tix $5. For more info call 381-1141.

### DEMONSTRATION

GROUPS REPRESENTING DISABLED PEOPLE will demonstrate how different disability groups carry out day to day tasks. For more info, call Margo at 360-1500 or 383-8237.

## JUNE 6 & 7
### GATHERING

ACOUSTIC NEUROMA Association of Canada is holding its yearly Vancouver Island gathering in Nanaimo at the Northbrook Restaurant. If you would like to come or learn more, write Box 38, Sayward B.C. or call 282-3269.

### OPEN HOUSE

THE ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB turns 100 with displays, tours, and sailboat racing for all. Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday, 1-4 pm, corner of Beach Dr. and Ripon Rd. For more info call 592-2441.

## JUNE 9
### MEETING

RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING provides programs for people with disabilities in the CRD. Annual General Meeting 7 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Greater Victoria Library, 735 Broughton St. Music by local artist Lewis Orr. For more info call 360-1500.

## JUNE 13
### ACTION

BEACH PRIDE DAY. Clean up Dallas Rd. beaches with Youth Pride International as part of your nutritious breakfast! Meet at Beacon Hill Lookout at 10 am. That night, benefit dance to the reggae rhythms of the Cultivators at the YM-YWCA, 880 Courtenay St. Tix $6 in advance, $8 at door. All ages welcome.

## JUNE 16
### VOLUNTEER

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS are needed. Tonight is volunteer information night, 7 p.m. at 103-3347 Oak St. Please pre-register as space is limited. Information, call 383-1191.

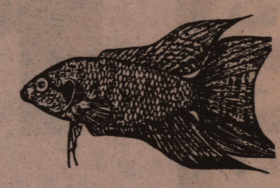
## JUNE 26
### COMMUNITY

GRADS OF 1967-it's been 25 years and Oak Bay High would love to see you for the reunion. Also Saturday, June 27. Information, Barb Dommet at 477-8103 or Ron Armstrong at 478-4974.

### ONGOING

A COURSE IN MIRACLES. Presented by the Centre for Self Awareness, Mondays at 7:30 pm, upper level of the University Heights Mall. Contribution basis. Call 721-0405/3341 24 hrs.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT STEP IN RECOVERY? A working guide for adult children of addictive and dysfunctional families, presented by the Centre for Self Awareness, Thursdays at 7:30 pm, upper level of University Heights Mall. Contribution basis. Call 721-0405/3341 24 hrs.



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Adam, werever you are come back for oysters on a bed of spinach and don't forget the lucky strikes. Katherine.

## NOTICE

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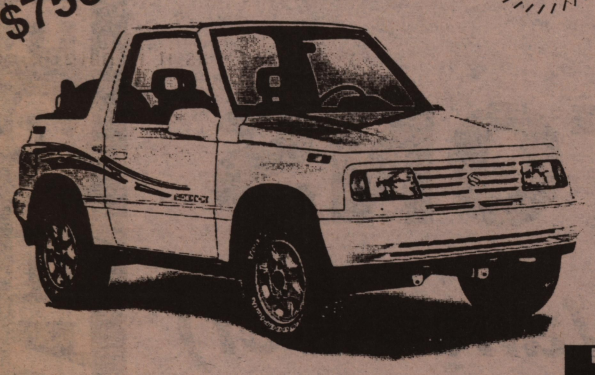

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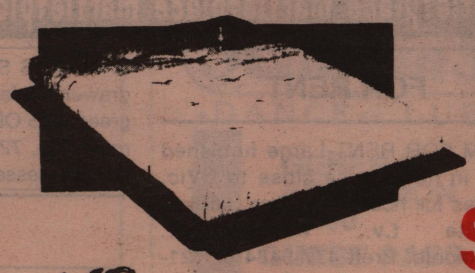

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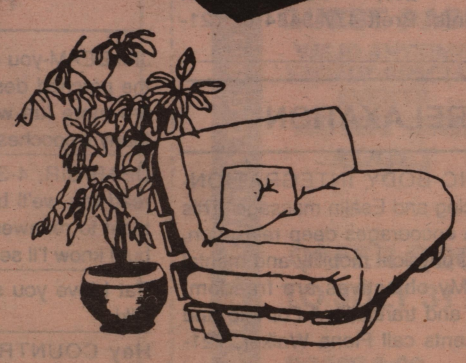

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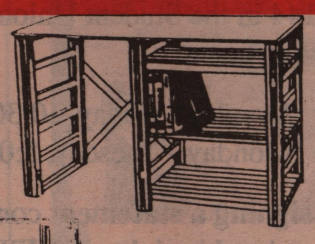

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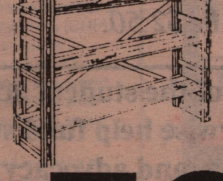

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